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SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF US PARTICIPATION IN UN SPACE
FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM H.G.S. MURTHY, EXPERT
ON SPACE APPLICATIONS, OUTER SPACE AFFAIRS DIVISION, UN
SECRETARIAT TO A. FRUTKIN, NASA, RECEIVED USUN 19 APRIL 1976
CONCERNING NOMINATING CARLOS POMALAZA OF PEUR FOR SUBJECT
FELLOWSHIP:

QUOTE

DEAR MR. FRUTKIN,
I HAVE RECEIVED A CABLE FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE UNDP IN LIMA, PERU ENQUIRING IF THE SPACE FELLOWSHIP
OFFERED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR IS AVAILABLE.
THEY ARE PROCESSING THE NOMINATION OF MR. CARLOS POMALAZA OF
THE GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE WHO, THEY BELIEVE, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED
AT THE SCHOOL OF ELECTRIC ENGINEERING OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY,
INDIANA. A COPY OF THE CABLE RECEIVED IS ENCLOSED FOR
YOUR REFERENCE.

FROM THE CONVERSATION I HAD WITH YOU IN GENEVA RECENTLY, I
NOTED THAT THE NASA FELLOWSHIPS MAY BE DISCONTINUED THIS
YEAR. HOWEVER, I VERY MUCH FEEL THAT NASA COULD ACCEPT THIS
CANDIDATE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT A DECISION HAS NOT BEEN
OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU COULD
KINDLY CONSIDER OFFERING THIS CANDIDATE ANY FELLOWSHIP UNDER
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BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN YOUR COUNTRY AND PERU. SINCE

IT IS THE ONLY APPLICATION WE HAVE RECEIVED FOR GRANT OF
FELLOWSHIP, I HOPE YOU CAN HELP.
SINCERELY, UNQUOTE

2. MURTHY IMPLIES THAT US HAD NOT MADE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION
TO UN OF US INTENTION TO TERMINATE ITS PARTICIPATION IN
UN SPACE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. ON 17 FEBRUARY 1976, USUN
MISOFF OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED MURTHY PER STATE A-494 THAT US
PARTICIPATION IN UN SPACE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM WAS BEING
TERMINATED (USUN 661). MISOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT AGAIN
WITH MURTHY ON 13 APRIL 1976 PER STATE 670083. STATE 67083,
PASSED TO MURTHY, ALSO CONTAINED REFERENCE TO US BILATERAL FE-
LLOWSHIP PROGRAM REFERRED IN SUBJECT LETTER.

3. APPEARS MURTHY HOPES EITHER TO CIRCUMVENT CANCELLATION OF
US PROGRAM OR EXPRESS GENUINE INTEREST IN PERUVIAN CANDIDACY.
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